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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Wilmert De Bosscher
Serial No. : 09/720,744
Filed : June 11, 2001
For : Vacuum tight coupling for tube sections
Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.
Art Unit : 3679
Customer number : 23644

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2006

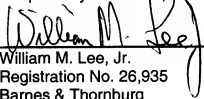
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the rather confusing communication of November 17, 2006, the Applicant revises the election as set forth in the response of September 6, 2006 and elects Group I, comprising claim 15-19, 22, 24-40, 42, 44-52 and 58-71.

December 15, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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